

Customer No.: 31561
Application No.: 10/064,560
Docket No.: 8878-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Applicant appreciates that the Office Action has allowed claims 1-12 and 18-24.

The Office Action rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The Office Action also considers claim 13-17 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Applicant has amended claim 13 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-24 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

Applicant has amended independent claim 13 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Therefore, claims 13-17 should be allowed.

Applicant submits claims 1-24, which patentably define over the prior art.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-24 of the invention patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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